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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST

☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 5/28/2021

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### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Jailena "Dodie" Carter  
Office: Aldermen, Town of Cotton Valley  
Parish: WEBSTER  
Election Date: 11/3/2020  
Level of Office: Any

140 Main St.  
Cotton Valley, LA  
71018-3166

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G  
Original Due Date: 11/25/2020  
Date Filed: 12/4/2020  
Activity Receipts: \$0  
Expenditures: \$0  
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$9.63

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$360  
Days Late: 9  
Late Fee Order Received: 2/27/21  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/19/21  
Waiver Request Received: 3/3/2021  
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Candidate submitted waiver request by fax and states that this was her first time running for any political office. She said she really did not understand the reporting process during the election. She said she thought that if she had no activity she would not have to file additional reports.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

#### Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No  
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No  
Reassessed Late Fees: No

#### Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No

To Whom It May Concern:

I Jailena "Dodie" Carter ran for Alderman of the Town of Cotton Valley. This is my first time running for any political office. I didn't really understand what all I was needing to do with the reporting process during this election. I thought that if nothing else was done after the first reporting that you didn't have to do anything else. I am just wanting to know if there is any way to get this matter taking care, I will know next time of what is expected of me in the upcoming elections.

Sincerely,

Jailena "Dodie" Carter

**STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**  
acting in its capacity as the  
**SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE**

**In Re:       Jailena "Dodie" Carter**  
              **November 3, 2020 Election**

**LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Jailena "Dodie" Carter, in his capacity as a candidate for Aldermen, Town of Cotton Valley in the November 3, 2020 election was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

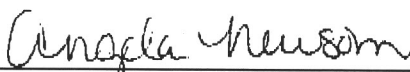
**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(5), Jailena "Dodie" Carter was required to file a 10th Day Prior to General Report (10-G) by November 25, 2020. Jailena "Dodie" Carter filed the report on December 4, 2020 and was 9 days late.

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(iii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$40 per day (not to exceed \$1,000) be assessed against Jailena "Dodie" Carter for this late filing.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that a late fee of \$360 is assessed against Jailena "Dodie" Carter for failure to timely file his campaign finance disclosure report.

**ORDER** signed on the 24th day of February 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

  
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Angela Newsom, Director  
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division



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February 24, 2021

Ms. Jailena "Dodie" Carter  
140 Main St.  
Cotton Valley, LA 71018-3166

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

NO. 70170190000037368808

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election  
10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 9 days late

Dear Ms. Carter:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$360 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

**You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:**

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. **Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment.** If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

***You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.***

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn

TO: MELISSA HORN

FROM: JAILENA "DODIE"  
CARTER

SUBJECT: APPEAL

DATE: MARCH 3, 2021

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